

TESTIMONY

Dear Raphael,

I was at the "Gifts of Communication" workshop at Christian Mendenhall's home last September and also at the Healing Circle the same week. Several wonderful outcomes have come out of those activities and the 'Focus' groups that I have participated in this year (led by Christian).

First, immediately after the September workshop, several relationships were healed and transformed. The exercise we did where we named what we had and had not done to another person was really wonderful and I took it one step further and turned it into a "forgiveness" exercise. I talked with my husband (the person I had focused on in the workshop) and asked his forgiveness and expressed my love. Our marriage has never been better ever since. I also did a similar exercise on my own parents and later called them to tell them how much I loved them. We have been much closer lately.

Second, regarding healing, I submitted my name for healing of diabetes. Today I got back results of a test that measures long term blood sugar levels. The results showed that I was in the middle range for this particular test. This is a major accomplishment and I want to thank you for your prayers and your support. I think that my personal spiritual development and what I've learned through the Focus group is a significant factor in achieving this new level of wellness. Thanks for creating the Focus. Love and prayers.

Margaret M. Ovitsky
Chicago, Illinois

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LETTERS

Volunteer hours often seem to be thankless to the donor, but I personally wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Nevada Association for the Handicapped, to tell you how much your effort means to us, our clients, staff, and the entire community.

You do make a difference in the lives of our handicapped community.

THANKS!

Christie McCarty
Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you for your continued interest in giving to our program. The Annual Halloween Party was much more delightful because of the Clown group. We appreciate your organizing such fine people to assist with our party.

Charlotte Crawford
Regional Director
Southern Nevada Mental
Retardation Services

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and give Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ I am interested in joining your international healing prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Please send me information.

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- ☐ THE SPIRIT OF HEALING

- ☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH
- ☐ THE GIFT OF COMMUNICATION

The following are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels.

- ☐ ...AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR..
- ☐ SEASONS
- ☐ TALES OF WONDER

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Day Celebration, 1-2 P.M. at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call **(702) 367-6808** to schedule an appointment.

We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

praise the Lord, we received a recent letter from Sister Grace Asare-Djan. She reports that she and a number of Christian friends will help to distribute clothes that have been waiting shipment from Faith Center. She also relates that she is paying an immediate visit to Accra, the capital, and prays that the Lord will guide her to a suitable person to lead the growing number of Circle of Power members there. Since we published her phone number, Grace reports that people have been calling her from Accra asking about the Ministry. Praise God for your wonderful work, Grace. Our prayers are with you in that and in your visit to Accra.

HAITI: As followers of the news will know, there has been a recent coup in the island. We have no reason to believe that Rev. Bernadel Dalton and the orphans that he and his wife care for came to any harm in the disturbances, but we ask your prayers for their safety. The last time we heard from him was just before the coup when he wrote to report that the children had had a wonderful Christmas dinner and to thank us for our prayers and support.

NEWSBRIEFS

LOCAL



Very Tall Fortune Cookie (Rev. Raphael de Peyer) is congratulated by John Lemmon, General Sales Manager for Fletcher Jones, the largest auto dealers in Nevada, when our Clown Ministry was selected as the 'Charity of the Month' for January. Fletcher Jones has a long history of helping local children's charities, and donates \$10 for each new and used car or truck sold each month to such a charity. McNutt, the squirrel, seems more interested in the money!

CLOWN MINISTRY: To most of us it is probably common sense that our emotional state affects our physical health. This is one of the basic premises of the Clown Ministry. Over the years we have seen repeated examples of this, where the clowns have introduced a level of positivity that has had a direct beneficial effect on the healing of the children visited, including some very dramatic instances. It is this creation of positive effects and associated healing that is the fundamental purpose of the Clown Ministry. What is especially interesting is that a whole new field of medicine — psycho-neuroimmunology! — is now taking a great deal of attention. It is based on the concept that our emotional lives directly affect our physical well-being. For example, it has been found that anxiety causes a fall in the levels of circulating T-cells, factors in the body's immune system, as well as affecting the thymus gland, which has a part in fighting off disease. A New York Times report observed, "Virtually every ill that can befall the body — from the common cold to cancer and heart disease — can be influenced positively or negatively by a person's mental state." Guess we shouldn't say, "A bunch of clowns could have told you that!!!" Dr. Thomas Sydenham, the famous 17th century English physician, remarked, "The arrival of a good clown exercises a more beneficial influence upon the health of a town than of 20 asses laden with drugs." Of course, medicines of his day were not quite what they are now! Still, the good doctor made an important point.

Since our last Newsletter, Christmas has come and gone, but it was, of course, a time of considerable activity for the clowns. A great many toys were distributed, some of which were donated by "Toys for Tots." Of special interest were the puzzles and stuffed animals given to many of the retarded we visit; the staff tells us that the puzzles are used as teaching tools as well as a source of fun.

Among all the parties we participated in the largest was for the kids of Child Haven at the Sahara Hotel. As well as the clowns a great many Las Vegas entertainers came and strutted their stuff. Very Tall Fortune Cookie (Rev. Raphael de Peyer) and others appeared on the local 6:00 o'clock TV news film of the event. Two new volunteers, Ed Lockwood, an account executive with a local TV station and his foster daughter, Amy Hayes, contributed greatly to the show, and Ed did a magnificent job of entertaining a large and restive group of children exiting the show by standing on a table and putting on a great juggling act.



Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) — left rear — and Pat Southard — center rear — and Pat's kids and their friends before setting out to entertain at the Desert Developmental Parents Group party.

The organizers of the Martin Luther King parade requested the presence of the clowns, and a group led by Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) gave the large crowd a good time. Special mention should be made of Paul Tarr, a 14 year old who has been a clown for 4 years, and Sherry Hammons, a very talented artist and artisan who loaned some beautiful animal costumes for the young volunteers, Yvonne Humphrey, Charles Fennel and Helen Hicks.

At Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Lilac did the "Superpickle" song for an 8 year old boy whose leg was in traction, and who was crying with the pain. The song encourages the kids to make silly noises, and he soon got into the spirit of the song, tears giving way to laughter. After that, he and his roommate could not get enough, and every time we visit them they request the "Superpickle" song!

Our special thanks to some recent volunteers: Dorothy Duran, her daughter Andrea and their Keeshound puppy, also Carol Fernandez and her 10 year old daughter,

Judy. All put on a wonderful show on their first visit to Henderson Convalescent Hospital, but the puppy stole the show! Isidro Gonzales ("Chief") has done very well on visits to Nevada Association for the Handicapped, and Jennifer Underwood was an able assistant at the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Christmas party.



Carlos, one of the clients at Nevada Association for the Handicapped, clearly enjoys the attention of clown "Chief" (Isidro Gonzales) at a Valentine's Day party.

PET THERAPY: Teddy and Pippin, Rev. Abigail Johns' dogs, made a big hit at Vegas Valley Convalescent Hospital. One of the residents, seeing them arrive, called out, "My doggies, my doggies," and would only let them leave at the end when Rev. Johns promised to bring them back on the next visit.



Clowns Lilac (left) and Giggles (Rev. Abigail Johns) introduce Yang the pekingese to this delighted lady at Beverly Manor.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTA: Jennifer Maxfield (Fluffy) reports that she and her volunteers Pat Gallagher (Flash), and the girls of Sprayberry Anchor High Club paid an excellent visit to Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, and that she and Pat have continued to visit at Georgia Regional. Margery Cunningham and Bob Kellar continue their fine Animal Action work, including recent participation in a Georgia Earth Alliance rally, and conducting the Circle of Power meetings every Thursday.

CHICAGO: Christian Mendenhall completed a recent and very successful "Gifts of the Spirit" workshop. Please call (312) 338-0823 for upcoming workshops in the "Windy City."

GHANA: Owing to delaying tactics in the Ghana postal system, mail has been very slow getting through in both directions. However, over